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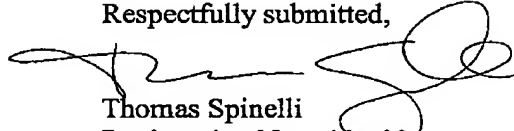
The present application was filed on December 14, 2001 and included an IDS with 7 sheets of form 1449 listing references to be considered and entered into the record of the above-identified application. In the telephonic conference with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that although the IDS is not part of the file wrapper, the official record indicates that the references listed on such IDS were considered by the previous Examiner (Beverly Flanagan). However, Applicants have not received a copy of such IDS initialed by the Examiner.

Thus, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the IDS originally submitted on December 14, 2001 and the corresponding forms 1449 (7 pages) as well as a copy of the stamped postcard evidencing receipt of the same.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the references listed in the form 1449 (7 sheets) be considered and be made of record in the above-identified application and that each of the references on such form 1449 (7 sheets) be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration. Applicants request that the initialed form 1449 (7 pages) be issued as attached to either a supplemental Notice of Allowance or to an Interview Summary.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this matter, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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Enclosure (Copy of IDS Submitted on December 14, 2001; Copies of Form 1449 submitted with IDS (7 pages) and copy of Postcard Acknowledging receipt of IDS)

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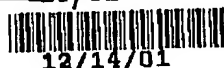
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2. 64 (sixty-four) Formal Drawings
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3. Information Disclosure Statement W/PTO-1449 Form & 32 References
4. Japanese Search Report dated July 17, 2001
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